



North Carolina Medical, Dental, and Psychiatric Placement Services and Shortage Designation 2014 Profile

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Overview

The Office of Rural Health and Community Care (ORHCC) recruits primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, and psychiatrists to the practices that service rural and underserved populations across the state. We make compatible matches based on the needs of the community, as well as the provider.

ORHCC works with state and federal governments and local communities to identify shortage areas of primary medical care, dental or mental health providers when requested. These areas are designated as **Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)** following federal guidelines, making them eligible to qualify for federal funding and services.

Importance

- In many North Carolina communities there are barriers to primary health care and other health services due to a lack of health professionals and the necessary resources to support health care delivery.
- ORHCC received State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) funding from the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) and from KBR Found to extend loan repayment to **mental health therapists** recruited to work in integrated care HPSAs, from 2015 to 2019.

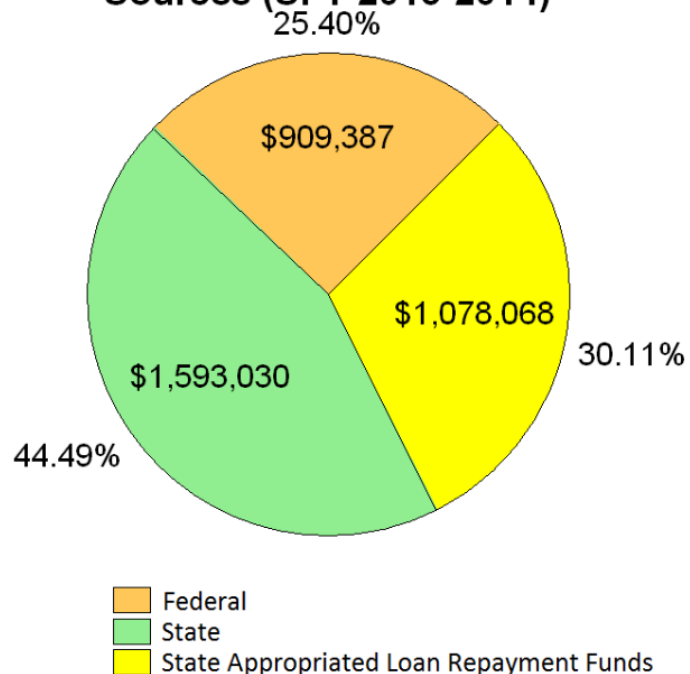
Cost, Return on Investment and Performance

- Annual budget of \$3.5 million.
- Supports five FTEs.
- Physicians qualify for two to four years and up to \$100,000 in State Loan Repayment (SLR).
- An estimated \$42 million in revenue was generated in the health sector.
- There was a 10.8:1 return on investment (with State dollars the return on investment was 25.6:1).
- \$27,542 per placement, \$12,254 per placement with State funds.
- 82% of placements were in either a geographic, population or facility Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).
- ORHCC assisted the National Health Service Corps in achieving 237 federal loan repayments.

Program Coverage:

- 130 new health professionals were recruited.
- 79 new state incentive payments.
- 19 recurring loan repayments.
- An average of 143 placements have been made each year over the last 5 years.

Placement Services Funding Sources (SFY 2013-2014)

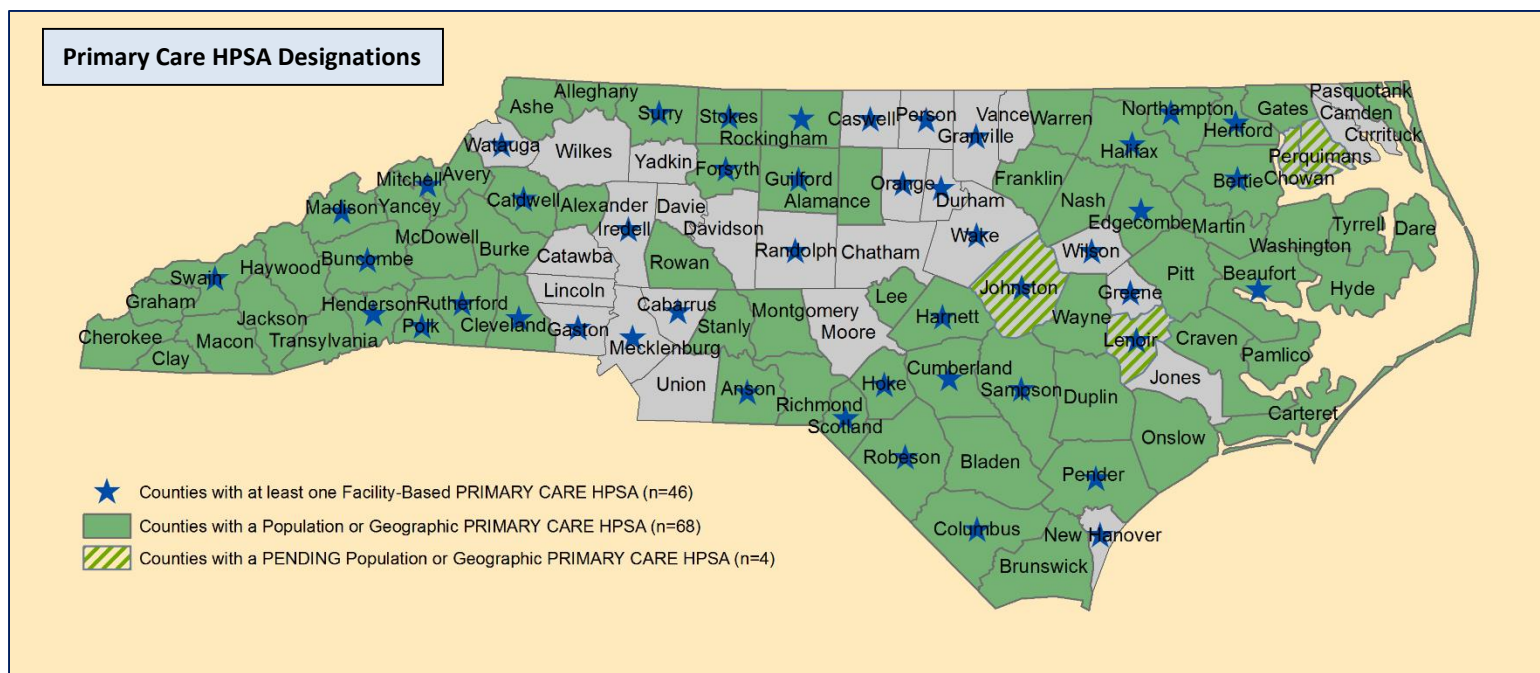
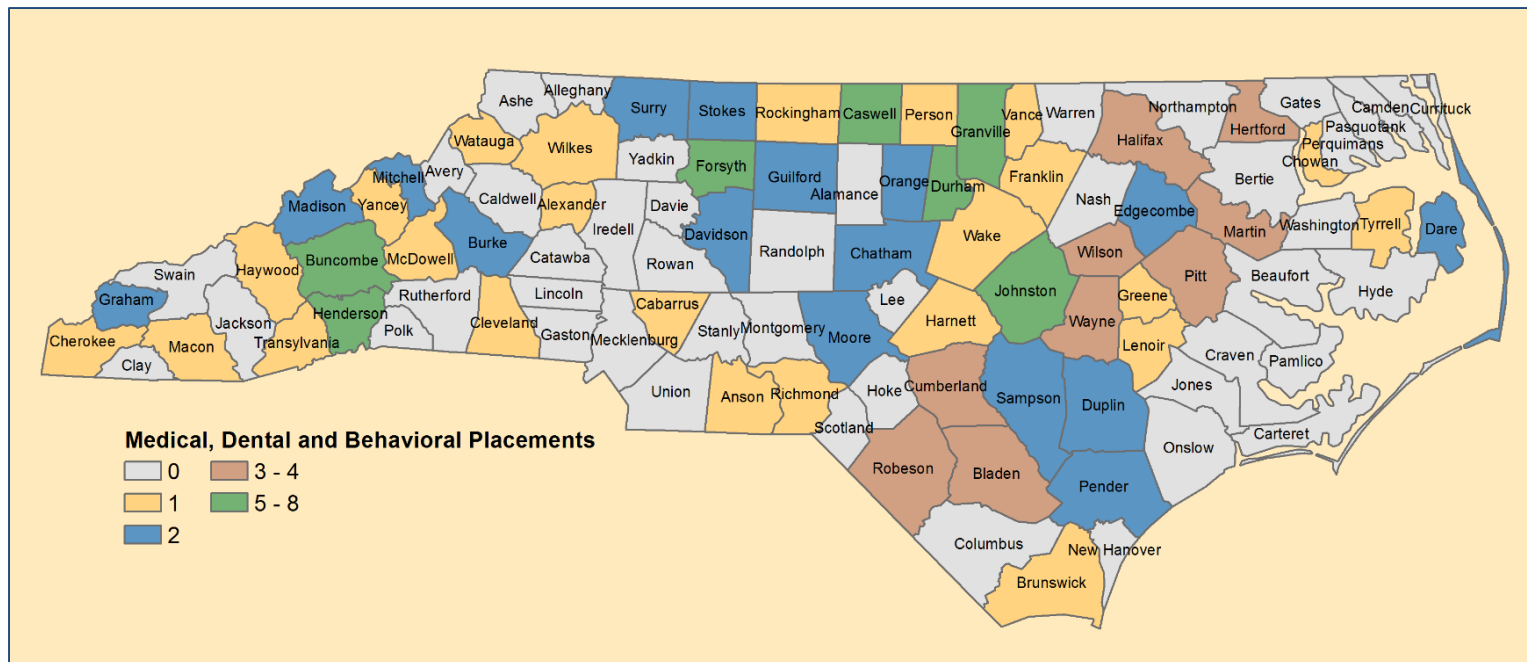




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